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LAOS

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INFO.

MID-SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 1965 EXCEPT AS STATED DISTR. 18 JANUARY 1966

SUBJECT

PATHEP LAO DEFECTOR'S ACCOUNT OF HAVING HEARD
THAT AMERICAN PILOTS WERE STILL BEING HELD IN
THE SAM NEUA AREA AS OF 1 OCTOBER 1965

VH 2054

PLACE &
DATE ACQ.

LAOS, VIENTIANE (17 JANUARY 1966)

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SOURCE
AND
APPRAISAL

ON 23 DECEMBER 1965, [REDACTED] ADDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
TO HIS PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF DOWNED AMERICAN FLYERS IN
THE AREA: ON 1 OCTOBER [REDACTED] TALKED WITH [REDACTED]
CANTON CHIEF [REDACTED] WHO HAD ATTENDED CONFERENCE
AT THAM SADET (VH 2054), 19 KILOMETERS EAST SOUTHEAST
OF SAM NEUA, IN MID-SEPTEMBER WITH OTHER CANTON CHIEFS IN THE AREA.

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COMMENT: IN

SAID FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS WERE BEING HELD AT THAM SADET,
IN EARLY AUGUST. ACCORDING TO

(THAO) MA, TOLD THE GROUP
THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS WHAT TO DO WITH THE
AMERICAN JET PILOTS HELD AT THAM SADET. MA THEN ASKED: THESE OFFICIALS
FOR THEIR OPINIONS ON THE MATTER AND, AFTER CONSULTING AMONG
THEMSELVES, THEY TOLD MA THROUGH A SPOKESMAN THAT THE PILOTS
SHOULD BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE CANTON CHIEFS BELIEVED
THAT RELEASING THE PILOTS WOULD BRING A HALT TO THE AIR RAIDS
IN THE AREA. MA LISTENED TO THE IDEAS OF THE CANTON CHIEFS AND MADE
NO COMMENT BEFORE DISMISSING THE MEETING. ALSO
TOLD THAT THE PILOTS WERE STILL AT THAM SADET ON 1
OCTOBER.

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